examples of the relationship between "portions" and "specific portions." It is respectfully requested that this objection be removed.

The rejection based on the Beausang reference should also be removed. Applicant has studied this reference and believes that it has nothing to do with an allocation of a portion of an integrated circuit (IC). It appears that all operations in the Beausang reference are done at the logical level and not the physical level. There is clearly no "allocating of a portion of an area of said IC" as required by, for example, claim 1. The portion which is allocated in claim 1, for example, represents a physical portion. There is no such allocation in the Beausang reference. Other independent claims are, for similar reasons, not anticipated by the Beausang reference. Thus, all claims should be allowed.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond, and a check is enclosed for the necessary fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any deficiency in fees required for this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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